

HE DEFENDS  
BOTH MENPresident Roosevelt on the  
Panama Deal

## HE ALSO FLAYS PULITZER

He Denies That Either Douglas Robinson or Charles P. Taft Benefited by the Transfer of the Canal Property.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—In a special message to-day, President Roosevelt undertook to refute the charges that his brother-in-law, Douglas Robinson, and Charles P. Taft profited by the \$40,000,000 Panama canal deal and incidentally handed out a castigation to Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World. Discussing the formation and the actions of the new and the old Panama canal companies, Roosevelt transmitted lists of the documents in the departments of state, justice and war, dealing with the Panama purchase. He said that they have always been open to inspection by members of Congress and will be printed if Congress wishes, though it would be a needless expense.

KING EDWARD III.  
SAYS FRESH RUMOR

This Report Has Him Drawn and Pale, and The Prince of Wales is Said to Be Taking Hold of The Government.

London, Dec. 15.—Unquestioned sources say that King Edward is very ill and the symptoms of abdominal trouble which preceded the operation of 1903 are recurring. The king has been pale and drawn recently. The Prince of Wales is taking hold of the government. King Edward now is 67 years old.

BROKE RIGHT HAND.  
Willie Lewis Unable to Finish a Winning Fight at New Haven.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 15.—Breaking his right hand in the seventh round Willie Lewis of Brooklyn lost seemingly good chances to defeat Harry Lewis of Philadelphia in a 12 round fight before the Edgewood Athletic club here last night. With both fighting at 145 pounds, Harry was the aggressor in the opening rounds, but Willie grew stronger as the fight progressed until the seventh when he broke the bones in the upper part of his right hand in a swing to his opponent's jaw. The remaining rounds were slow with the exception of the tenth when both mixed it up freely.

CAPTURE ANOTHER  
VENEZUELAN BOAT

The Dutch Have Taken The Matyo According to Semi-official Information in The Hague.

The Hague, Dec. 15.—It is announced semi-officially that a Dutch warship has captured another Venezuelan coast guardship, the Matyo, whose crew landed on the Venezuelan coast.

## PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Man Who Shot His Wife at Lowell, Mass., a Few Weeks Ago.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 15.—Wilfred Beaulieu, who shot his wife and himself here a few weeks ago, pleaded not guilty today and was held in \$10,000 bail for trial on December 24th.

## Will Celebrate Lincoln's Centenary.

St. Albans, Dec. 15.—The committee in charge of the Lincoln Centenary to be held on February 12, 1909, has received word from President John M. Thomas of Middlebury college that he has accepted the invitation to speak here. Exercises will be held in the public schools and there will be a public meeting in the evening. A bronze tablet of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech will be presented to the schools by A. G. Hurlbut post, G. A. R.

## GROTON.

Miss Irene Page was ill the first of the week with tonsillitis.

James Adams returned to his work at West Barre Saturday.

Clyde M. Coffin visited friends at St. Johnsbury over Sunday.

J. E. Vance was home from his work at Montpelier over Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Howland is visiting her brothers, J. W. and A. N. Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Page have moved into the Hitchcock house recently purchased by Steven Thurston.

C. J. Bailey, E. F. Clark and B. S. Eastman attended a meeting of the Mystic Shrine at Montpelier Friday.

Mr. George Hendry was quite badly injured about the head and shoulders Friday by falling upon the icy walk.

Rev. Mr. Blake preached at the Methodist church Sunday and assisted the pastor in the communion service.

George Carpenter returned yesterday from Abington, Mass., where he and Mrs. Carpenter have been staying for several weeks.

## PRES. CASTRO IN BERLIN.

Decision Will Be Made Today Whether He Must Undergo an Operation.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—President Castro of Venezuela and the members of his party arrived here last evening. As the train steamed into the depot the president was greeted with shouts of "long live Castro" and much cheering. The Venezuelan charge d'affaires at Berlin, the consul and other prominent Venezuelans had great difficulty in making their way to Castro's car. The president, although having the appearance of a sick man, was full of energy. The Venezuelan consul read a short address of welcome and the president apparently was about to reply when another train dashed in at the opposite platform with such a deafening noise that his efforts to speak were in vain.

The party were driven in motor cars decorated with Venezuelan flags, to the Hotel Esplanade, about 15 minutes' distance. A band struck up the Venezuelan hymn as President Castro with his wife on his arm, entered the hotel corridor. The president declined to be interviewed. Members of Castro's suite stated that the president had sent a despatch to Emperor William from Herderstrasse on the German frontier, stating that he had come to Germany for medical treatment and expressing profound homage to his Majesty. According to the same authority when he learned the news of the capture of a Venezuelan vessel by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland he was not greatly affected merely remarking that there was no such vessel in the Venezuelan service.

Dinner was served in a private dining room of the hotel where the entire first floor, known as the "Princess" apartments is occupied by the president and his party. The menu cards were decorated with the German and Venezuelan flags and the table was bedecked with great quantities of flowers. Castro was in capital spirits and chatted gaily with his suite during the dinner, repeatedly declaring that he was exceedingly well impressed with Germany. He will visit Dr. Israel when the question of an operation will be decided upon.

TWO ATTORNEYS CHOSEN  
TO AID PROSECUTION

Defending Attorney in Hains Case Protested, but Court Overruled His Objections—The Trial Proceeded.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 15.—The trial of John Hains as an accessory to the murder of William Annis, developed new complications to-day, when Justice Crain announced the appointment by the court judge of Queen's county, two counsel, James A. Dayton and Elmer S. White, to aid District Attorney Darriz. Attorney McIntyre strenuously objected to the appointment, claiming there is no warrant in law for such a course. He said that Dayton had been designated by the Bayview Yacht club not to appear. The judge overruled the objections.

When the first salesman for the day was drawn, Attorney McIntyre for the defense again objected to the questions put by Attorney White for the prosecution and he claimed he would make similar objection whenever White took part in the proceedings.

Hains' attorney, McIntyre, announced that Hains will take the stand in his own behalf. "His story will be convincing," he said. Mrs. Annis was in court. She will be one of the first witnesses that will testify that Thornton, with leveled gun, drove her back from her husband as he lay weeping in his blood on the pier at the Bayview Yacht club, saying, "This is my own affair. I am managing it. Every body stand back."

Six jurors had been chosen up to last night.

## FIRE AND DROWNING.

Were The Terrors Which These Fishermen Fought.

New York, Dec. 15.—Their lives endangered first by fire and then by water, the crew of the fishing sloop Irene of Sisseton, Minn., put into South Brooklyn last night after nearly nine hours of continuous rowing in an open boat and reported the loss of the Irene and their own narrow escape. The Irene with Capt. John Morrison and a crew of four fishermen aboard, was captured yesterday morning for the fishing banks. On reaching them and finding the sea too rough for fishing they started home under power of the gasoline engine. The tank exploded setting the Irene afire. Two members of the crew were imprisoned in the cabin wreckage and had to fight their way out with an axe. They sustained severe burns.

The five men took to the small boat which the blazin Irene was trailing which capsized while they were trying to clamber into it. Captain Morrison swam after a floating oar but could not make it and lay back to the dingy and gradually drifted away from the other four men.

The dingy finally was righted and Morrison was picked up nearly exhausted. Meantime the Irene had gone down. Their return journey against both wind and tide occupied nearly nine hours, the men finally reaching Brooklyn last night in a condition of utter collapse.

## URGES A CENTRAL BANK.

G. E. Roberts For Director of The U. S. Mint Speaks to Bankers.

Detroit, Dec. 15.—Geo. E. Roberts of Chicago, former director of the United States mint, addressing the bankers club of Detroit at its annual banquet last night, spoke strongly in favor of the establishment of a central bank of issue in which existing banks would be permitted to hold stock in proportion to the capital of their respective institutions. Mr. Roberts suggested that a capital stock of \$100,000,000 for the central bank would call upon existing banks to pay in about ten per cent. of their capital. The central bank, Mr. Roberts said, should do business only with its government members and with the government and the United States treasury department should be represented on its board of directors.

AUTO BILL  
PASSED HOUSEProposes to Tax Machines  
According to Horse-Power

## VIGOROUS DEBATE ON IT

The House Also Passed the Bill Raising Taxes on Railroads—New Members of Special "Offset" Committee Named.

State House Dec. 15. The automobile bill passed the House this morning, 121 to 68, after a long discussion which involved a yes and nay vote on the question of the dismissal of the bill, and a vote on amendments which made the tax just half what it would be according to the provisions of the bill.

The bill of Mr. Howe of St. Johnsbury, which raises the tax on railroads one-fourth of one per cent. on the gross earnings, passed the House this morning without opposition and then the bill which repeals the sections of the statutes giving the railroads the option to pay taxes on the gross earnings was discussed at length, not being disposed of at noon.

The members of the special taxation committee was announced this morning and the committee met for organization this noon. The Senate asked for a committee of conference on the much discussed printers' bill, and the following senators were named, Butler, Lewis of Orleans, Kildner, Sherwin and McLean. Adjournment question still in the air. It may be that the effort will still be made to close up the business and adjourn the day before Christmas, but as was suggested earlier in the session, the unfinished business makes it appear almost an impossibility. The fact that the House this morning voted not to permit the special taxation committee to meet during the session gave strength to the idea of adjourning either Friday or Saturday of this week, until after the holiday season. The date would probably be January 4.

Special Committee on Taxation. Addition county, Mr. Power of New Haven and Mr. Bain of Lincoln; Bennington county, Mr. Sheldon of Rupert and Mr. Hard of Sunderland; Caledonia county, Mr. Kinson of Peacham and Mr. Gray of Newark; Chittenden county, Mr. Bradley of Charlotte and Mr. Patch of Hinesburg; Essex county, Mr. Wilson of Granby and Mr. Balch of Lunenburg; Franklin county, Mr. Brenon of Fairfield and Mr. Button of St. Albans Town; Grand Isle county, Mr. Sowles of Albany and Mr. Tudhope of North Hero; Lamoille county, Mr. Mudgett of Cambridge and Mr. Emery of Eden; Orange county, Mr. Sawyer of Westbury; Orleans county, Mr. Edger of Orange; Orleans county, Mr. Warner of Jay and Mr. Miller of Westfield; Rutland county, Mr. Dayette of Benson and Mr. Keyes of Clarendon; Washington county, Mr. Martin of Plainfield and Mr. Tilden of Barre City; Windham county, Mr. Ahlory of Vernon and Mr. Gilchrist of Wardboro; Windsor county, Mr. Goodrich of Royalton and Mr. Fitch of Windsor.

## The Automobile Bill.

Mr. Davis of Springfield, who talks on practically all of the subjects apparently as a matter of system, led off the discussion opposing the auto taxation bill on the ground that the principle was wrong to tax owners on the horse-power of their machines. Mr. Kinsley of Rutland moved an amendment to the bill, which cut the tax proposed of practically one dollar a horse power down to the interests of justice. He believed also if this bill were passed the summer visitors whose machines cut up the roads as well as those within the state, should be taxed. He stated that at Manchester there were 1,100 automobiles that stopped at the Equinox House during the season.

Mr. Martin of Plainfield believed the measure was just and that the machines should pay for the roads they damaged. Mr. Williams of Newport believed the principle of the bill was all right and the tax proposed just. Mr. Locklin of Richford believed the machines should be taxed in the towns where owned. Mr. Leary of Burlington made a strong speech against the bill, in which he stated that he believed all property should be taxed according to its true value. The second year a machine would not be worth anywhere near what it was the first year and yet it was still taxed according to the horse power according to the bill. As to putting a tax on machines coming into the state, he said that he didn't believe in putting a Chinese exclusion law around Vermont.

Then Mr. Martin of Essex made a strong speech in favor of the bill, in which he stated that the automobile was a peculiar piece of property and that the intent of the bill was to have them pay for the damage they did to the roads. He believed the grading of the tax was just.

Mr. DeBoer of Montpelier opposed the bill, saying that the automobile was much a piece of personal property as anything else, and that it should be taxed in the towns. Others spoke for the measure and finally Mr. Martin of Brooklyn moved that the bill be dismissed. The motion was killed 137 to 80. Then the question of Mr. Kinsley's amendments was taken up, and they were killed. As to putting a tax on machines coming into the state, a jury of twelve was obtained in twenty minutes.

BIRTHDAY NOT OBSERVED. Because Mrs. Clara B. Stone, Aged 64, Is Critically Ill. St. Johnsbury, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Clara B. Stone, probably the oldest woman in town, reached her 64th birthday today. There was no observance of the event as Mrs. Stone is in a critical condition and not expected to live long. She resides with her daughter, Mrs. William H. Ward.

XMAS GIFT  
FOR GODDARDBarre School Gets \$6,000 in  
its Stocking

## FROM HARTFORD WOMAN

Mrs. Sophia M. Pease Willed All Her Property According to Information Which Trustees Have Just Received.

It is a Christmas gift a little ahead of schedule which Goddard seminary has received, but it was none the less pleasing for the trustees to get the announcement that their institution has been enriched by a bequest which will amount to \$6,000. Mrs. Sophia M. Pease, who died at Hartford, this state, a few weeks ago, bequeathed all her estate to Goddard seminary. The bequest is without restriction, and the trustees are to use the sum as they see fit. The donation comes as a surprise to the trustees of the institution and it is fresh indication of the close interest which Goddard commands among its friends.

The announcement of the bequest was made by the executor of the will, with the statement that the will had been proved. It is understood that her property was willed to the school, subject to the life interest of Mr. Pease. This contribution aids the school's endowment fund handsomely, and the trustees are very grateful.

## 25 YEARS A PRIEST.

Rev. W. N. Lonerger of Rutland to Observe Event.

Rutland, Dec. 15.—Rev. W. N. Lonerger informed his congregation at the church Sunday that in all probability the basement of the new church of the Holy Innocents on South Main street would be ready to receive the congregation on Christmas day. In that case mass will be celebrated in the opera house for the last time next Sunday. The decorators are now working night and day on the interior of the church.

Father Lonerger also announced that he had deferred the celebration of his silver jubilee, or the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, until Christmas, because at the time of the anniversary last October he was without a house or church. It is now almost two years since St. Peter's parish was divided and Father Lonerger came to Rutland to take charge of the new parish and to build a church. The first Sunday he was here he said mass in the Quinn hall, but that was found to be too small and the opera house was secured. Father Lonerger is considered one of the best preachers in Vermont, and he also has a reputation as a church builder.

OPPOSE SUNDAY FUNERALS. Ministers Monday Club so Vote at Regular Meeting. The Ministers Monday club held its regular meeting at the Holding Methodist church yesterday afternoon, and the members were guests of F. B. Kellogg of Waterbury and Belloni of this city. In the forenoon session the Rev. Dr. E. O. Thayer of the Holding church of this city presented a paper on "The Southern Problem." During the afternoon session the ministers listened to a talk by S. Hollister Jackson who gave a resume of the temperance legislation now before the Vermont legislature. That was followed by an extended discussion, but no action was taken by the club.

A resolution was adopted by the club requesting that the practice of holding Sunday funerals be avoided whenever possible.

## EARLY BIRD GOT MONEY.

Subsequently He Went to House of Correction for It.

Arthur Martin of Woodbury was before Justice Carroll Lamb of the same town to-day on the charge of larceny of a V (American money) from Luther Martin, who, by the way, is not related to him. The money was found in a place in Calais and sleeping in the same room. It was alleged that Arthur, being an early riser, improved the opportunity to go through Luther's pockets while Luther slept. He pleaded guilty to-day and was sentenced to not less than seven months and not more than ninety days in the house of correction at Rutland.

## CALLED IT BASKET BALL.

Montpelier High Defeated Northfield High, 51 to 5.

It is reported in athletic circles in Montpelier that the Northfield high school basketball team has the makings of a winner. That was after Montpelier high school had trounced the Northfield boys in the Montpelier Y. M. C. A. last night to the tune of 51 to 5. It was alleged that the Montpelier high team might be considered as traveling somewhat, as he scored fifteen baskets for his school. Northfield high dropped the ball through the basket one and tipped in three fouls, making a grand total of five points.

## "MYSTERIOUS BILLY."

Surmised Smith, Said There Was No Mystery About His Condition.

"Mysterious Billy" Smith of Hardwick, Barre, Montpelier, Calais, Worcester, Mass., etc., was in Montpelier city court to-day on the charge of intoxication. He acknowledged that he might have been intoxicated and probably was. He was fined \$5, with costs of \$2.20. Not having paid the amount, he went to the county jail for 20 days.

DESIGNED TO PROTECT  
CITY FROM COERCIONAmendment Added to Bill to Give Right  
of Condemnation for Changing  
the Course of the  
River.

## At a special meeting of the city council

last evening an amendment to the bill, now in the hands of the legislative committee on municipal corporations to allow the city to condemn and take land from the Central Vermont and Barre railroad companies on Burnham's meadow for the purpose of changing the river bed, was drawn up by the city attorney and approved by the council, and will be presented to the legislature as amended.

The amendment to the bill protects the city against any petitioners for the change of the river appealing to the courts and the city being forced into making the change if a court commission should so decree. If the amended bill becomes a law, the city council or the street commissioners of the city acquire no jurisdiction to take the land of the railroad companies, as is provided under the act, until the council acts on its own motion and decides that the public good and the necessity of individuals require the change to be made. The following is a copy of the bill as it will be presented to the legislature:

Section 1. The city council of the city of Barre may, whenever it shall decide that the public good, convenience and necessity of individuals require the same and not otherwise, take by condemnation proceedings so much of the land of the Barre railroad company and the land of the Central Vermont railway company, which is not already used for main tracks and depot purposes and located northerly of the northerly side of Prospect street and on Burnham's meadow, so called, in said city of Barre, as may be needed and which said city council may deem necessary for the laying out, altering, constructing or repairing of a highway and changing the course of a stream when the same is necessary, by paying to the said railroad companies a reasonable compensation therefor.

## Such taking of land shall be in accordance

with the same provisions of law as the taking of land belonging to a private individual by selection of towns for laying out, altering, constructing or repairing a highway and changing the course of a stream when the same appears necessary, and the proceedings in respect to notice to parties interested, assessment of damages, application to the court by parties dissatisfied with the decision of the said city council, surveys, reports and decision of the court upon the report of commissioners appointed by it, and in all other respects, shall be the same as in laying out highways; except, the said city council and the street commissioners of the city of Barre shall have jurisdiction to take the land of said railroad companies as is provided under this act, by acting on a petition duly made and presented to them as provided under the laws of this state relating to the laying out, altering, constructing or repairing of a highway and changing the course of a stream when the same appears necessary in laying out, altering, constructing or repairing a highway.

Section 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

## OFFICERS CHOSEN.

At The Meeting of Barre Aerie of The Eagles, Held Last Night.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of Barre Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles was held last evening with one of the most largely attended meetings since the institution of the aerie. Many visitors were present from Montpelier and other aeries.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, James R. Coutts; vice-president, Robert J. Stewart; chaplain, John B. Kelly; secretary, Harry McGibney; treasurer, W. Faulkner; inside guardian, W. W. McAuley; outside guardian, James Sheriff; trustees, O. C. Averill, O. C. Russell, H. E. Nute; aerie physician, Joe W. Jackson, M. D.

A general social and smoke talk was held during the evening and remarks were made by various members of the order. "Billy" McAuley, who was re-elected inside guardian, was presented a handsome diamond ring by members of the aerie. The presentation was made by P. F. McCarthy and Mr. McAuley responded in a fitting manner.

## CLOTHES TOO DIRTY

To Play Pool Is Cause of an Alleged Breach of the Peace.

Charles Martelli, clerk in Angelo Di-verza's pool room, was arraigned in city court on the charge of breach of the peace. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and was placed under \$50 bail for a hearing tomorrow morning. His bail was furnished by Mr. Diversi. Martelli is alleged to have struck Frank Goldsberry, a young man who was visiting at the same room, while playing pool. It is said that Goldsberry, who is a fireman, had on his working clothes and Martelli objected to his playing pool because his clothes were dirty. Words followed and Goldsberry claims that Martelli struck him a stinging blow in the eye, which left a black mark. Goldsberry made his complaint to Grand Juror E. R. Davis, who issued a warrant for Martelli's arrest. Constable M. B. Nichols was given the warrant and he arrested Martelli at the pool room.

## A. A. MORRIS LEADS

In The Homer Fitts Co. Piano Contest, According to First Count.

As a result of the first counting of the cash coupons in the contest for the \$450 Cote grand piano to be given away by the Homer Fitts Co. on Jan. 30th, A. A. Morris leads all contestants. This is the first call for the counting of the coupons since the contest began some two months ago. A great deal of enthusiasm has already been created, everything indicating a good clean contest in which the party doing the greatest amount of hustling will be the possessor of the beautiful instrument. The first count is as follows:

A. A. Morris, \$2,610.60; Presbyterian church, \$1,130.50; Clara Watkins, \$1,081.65; Williamstown Grange, \$837.49; Salisbury Arms, \$330.75; Sophie Johnson, \$3.05; Myrtle Parks, Plainfield, \$0.53.

BOY KILLED  
BY ICE SLIDEJacob Yett, Aged 10, a Victim  
in Montpelier

## WAS HIT BY SMALL PIECE

Great Mass Loosened from Roof of Union School Building Fell a Distance of Sixty Feet Yesterday Afternoon.

While passing out of the Union school in Montpelier yesterday afternoon with a party of mates, ten-year-old Jacob Yett, son of Isaac Yett, walked, all unconscious of danger, beneath the eaves of the roof, where hung suspended a great quantity of snow and ice which needed but a jar to be released. Just at that moment the mass became loosened and fell with great force, the distance from the eaves to the ground being sixty feet. Young Yett did not get the full weight of the accumulation, but a fragment of ice struck him squarely on the head, felling him to the ground and inflicting fatal injuries.

He was picked up in an unconscious condition and was carried into the office of Supt. Brownson in the same building. It was soon seen that he was badly injured, and Dr. F. E. Steele was summoned to attend him. Subsequently it was decided to place him in the Heaton hospital so that the injuries might be better attended to. But the ice had fractured the skull, and death ensued at half-past three o'clock this morning, just twelve hours after the accident.

The lad's father was in Bethel at the time of the accident, but a telephone message soon acquainted him with the news of the accident and he returned to Montpelier last night. The body was taken to Burlington this morning for interment. He was a bright little fellow and had many friends in Montpelier. He was the son of one of the Yett Bros, who are in business there.

That there was danger of just such an accident as did happen had been called to the attention of the authorities in Montpelier, it is said. The roof of the Union schoolhouse is not provided with snow and ice guards, so that when the mass becomes too heavy it slides off and falls the considerable distance of sixty feet to the ground. One of the side doors had been closed for the very reason that its use was considered dangerous owing to the overhanging snow and ice.

## WANT SHORTER HOURS.

Street Railroad Employees Will Ask Traction Company For Change.

Shorter hours is the particular proposition which the street railroad employees will make to the Barre and Montpelier Traction and Power company in their bid to be presented soon to take the place of the agreement which expires next February. The grievance committee of the men consist of John Docherty, George Counter and Harry McGibney. The old agreement ran for three years, and it is probable that the men will now ask for one of two years' duration. The employees will ask that the present contract will be changed so that two regular men will be added to the service, thus giving shorter hours.

The new officers of the union are as follows: President, John Docherty; vice president, George Ennis, secretary and treasurer, Harry McGibney; conductor, Mr. Threshert; wardens, Charles Pagan, sentinel, Joseph Leiden. Delegates to Central Labor Union, John Docherty and Harry McGibney; grievance committee, Messrs. Docherty, Ennis and McGibney.

## HONORED THEIR DELEGATE.

Granite Cutters Union Gave a Pipe to Pres. Cruickshank.

A pleasant surprise was given President James Cruickshank of the granite cutters' union on the adjournment of their regular meeting last evening. Mr. Cruickshank has just returned from the American Federation of Labor convention recently held in Denver, Col., where he represented the Granite Cutters' International association as one of their delegates. To mark their appreciation of the honor conferred on the delegate and blessing on Bernice branch, Treasurer William McDonald in behalf of the members present handed President Cruickshank a handsome mounted briar pipe.

President Cruickshank feelingly replied and referred with pleasure to his sojourn at the recent convention, attendance upon which had been a source of much education and enlightenment to him. The smokes were then passed and there was story telling before the gathering broke up.

## 88 YEARS OLD

And She Has a Birthday Party on Her Anniversary.

Twenty-four members of the Guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd met at the home of Mrs. Mirah French on Washington street last night to celebrate Mrs. French's 88th birthday. The rector, Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, was present and made an appropriate address. A letter of congratulation from the Rev. Brian C. Roberts, a former pastor, was read. Also letters from former members of the Guild. Light refreshments were served and a social hour followed.

## TO-NIGHT IN BARRE.

Vogel's minstrels, Barre opera house.

Regular meeting of city council. Basket ball, Vulcans vs. I. A. C., Granite street.